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City Commission Meeting

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These are Miami Beach United's Resolutions:

LINCOLN ROAD WEST PARKING SUBZONE

C4 O - REFERRAL

Executive Summary:

This item urges investigating the viability of utilizing camera technology to address excessive vehicular noise.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this proposal.

- Excessive noise emanating from vehicles contributes to the deterioration of quality of life for residents and visitors in Miami Beach.
- Currently there are no easy ways to manage these nuisance infringements in our Code.
- Cities around the world are testing and utilizing new methods and technologies such as sound radar to address noise pollution.
- We applaud the City's effort to investigate – and hopefully implement – new technologies to make Miami Beach a quieter and more pleasant place to live, for work, and to visit.

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EXPANSION OF ART DECO/MIMO OVERLAY DISTRICT

R5 I - FIRST READING

Executive Summary:

An over-abundance of so-called "nuisance businesses" clustered in small areas can contribute to undesirable behavior and devaluing the affected neighborhoods.

Why It Matters:

- Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this resolution which aims to limit in number or prohibit several nuisance uses.
- This item proposes to expand the Art Deco/MiMo Commercial Character Overlay District to include properties along Washington Avenue and Collins Avenue, from 5th Street to 23rd Street. This expansion would pertain primarily to prohibited uses and uses with a distance separation requirement.
- These include check cashing stores, convenience stores, occult science establishments, package stores, souvenir and t-shirt shops, tattoo studios, grocery stores, and tobacco/vape dealers.

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ITEMS RELATED TO ELIMINATING EXCEPTIONS TO 2:00 A.M. IN SOUTH OF FIFTH, WEST AVE., AND 41ST STREET CORRIDOR

R5 O; R5 P; R5 Q - FIRST READINGS

Executive Summary:

The ballot question asking Miami Beach voters whether they would "support changing this [alcohol consumption] 5:00 a.m. termination time to 2:00 a.m. throughout the City, with specific locations and related restrictions and exceptions, to be determined by City Commission by Ordinance?" by over 56% of voters. Seeking to find balance between our nightlife/tourism industries and residents' quality of life issues is a tough task. These ordinances attempt to define how that would work.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** these ordinances.

- These amendments to Chapter 142 repeal the exceptions to the 2:00 A.M. termination time for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages South of Fifth, in the West Avenue Neighborhood, and along the 41st Street corridor.
- Miami Beach residents have suffered for too long from the noise, rowdiness, litter, and traffic congestion created by patrons congregating on the streets and sidewalks outside of late-night bars and clubs.
- When these businesses are located in close proximity to residential buildings, it is simply an incompatible use.

Read the Commission documents by clicking on [R5 O](#), [R5 P](#), [R5 Q](#).

ALCOHOL HOURS OF SALE - 2:00 A.M. CITYWIDE**R5 R - FIRST READING****Executive Summary:**

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Why It Matters:

- Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** the amendment to Chapter 6 which rolls back the hours for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages from 5:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. citywide, **CONTINGENT** on the simultaneous passage of the agenda items above (R5O, R5P and R5Q).
- If the sale of alcohol at alcoholic beverage establishments ends at 2:00 A.M. citywide, except for establishments allowed to continue sales until 5 A.M. under Chapter 142, there would be a massive influx of late-night partiers into the residential neighborhoods where bars and clubs would still be able to operate until 5:00 A.M, hence the need to protect the neighborhoods via the above items.
- Additionally, if legally defensible, Miami Beach United also would support a process for allowing alcoholic beverage establishments in non-residential areas, assuming the meeting of certain conditions, to continue sales of alcohol until 5:00 A.M.

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ALCOHOL HOURS OF SALE - ELIGIBILITY FOR EXISTING 5:00 A.M.

ESTABLISHMENTS AND 5/7 WAIVER

R5 S - FIRST READING

Executive Summary:

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Why It Matters:

- Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this ordinance that would exempt all 149 existing 5:00 A.M. establishments
- This resolution is effectively keeping the 5:00 A.M. status quo, when the residents clearly stated they wanted change.

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COLLINS AVENUE MXE HEIGHT AMENDMENTS

R5 U - FIRST READING

Executive Summary:

While we applaud the effort to think creatively about how to re-imagine the MXE district to help quell the chaos by encouraging better offerings, we do not believe [this version](#) of the proposal is the solution.

Why It Matters:

- Miami Beach United is **OPPOSED** to this ordinance in [its current form](#).
- Although it includes some restrictions on any new development seeking to take advantage of the ordinance, they do not go far enough to protect existing contributing buildings or the character of the street.
- Miami Beach United believes additional conditions could be added to the ordinance which better protect the buildings and street, and still allow a development to benefit from it.

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ALLOW PRIVATE STORAGE OF VALET VEHICLES ON LEASED MUNICIPAL SPACES

R5 Y - FIRST READING

Executive Summary:

As a major tourist destination where residential and business parking is at a premium, valet operators find themselves experiencing significant delays in moving vehicles from limited valet ramp spaces, and increasingly limited private vehicle storage options. Local

businesses and valet companies have expressed the desire to lease municipal parking spaces from the City.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** this ordinance that would allow private storage of valet vehicles in public parking garages and public parking lots.

- City owned spaces have always been intended for residents and tourists only.
- A digression from that (to private businesses) is not in the best interest of the public.

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ALLOCATION OF \$5 MILLION FROM THE RESILIENCY FUND FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO REDUCE NUISANCE FLOODING

R7 K

Executive Summary:

While the City recently approved major resilience adaptation strategies and the prioritization of neighborhood improvement projects to address flooding city-wide, the implementation of these strategies will require a major financial undertaking and years to complete. It was therefore recommended to develop an interim plan to help reduce nuisance flooding. To that end, this authorizes proceeding with a pilot plan.

Why It Matters:

- Miami Beach United **SUPPORTS** this allocation to address two priority hotspot areas of flooding as a Pilot Program to provide solutions for flooding hotspots with no forthcoming infrastructure projects.
- Although an initial study was done in 2021, it is important to include a stipulation that the City now conduct enhanced community outreach, evaluation, and review to clearly identify the two top priority areas to be recommended for project approval.

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SELLING CITY PROPERTIES

R9 M

Executive Summary:

The city is, once again, proposing to sell city properties, in this instance: (1) Pinetree and 63rd; (2) 266 87th Terrace; and (3) Commerce St. and Jefferson St.

Why It Matters:

Miami Beach United **OPPOSES** the selling of the three city-owned properties being considered here.

- Once land is sold, we can never get it back.
- City property should be viewed as a rainy day emergency fund, and treated accordingly.
- City property should **never** be sold unless there is a truly compelling reason, which is unfounded in this case.

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